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Central Everglades Planning Project Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement

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Background

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- The Central Everglades Planning Project includes several components of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and is currently awaiting Congressional authorization
- Until Congressional authorization is provided and specific federal funds are appropriated, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will not enter into a Project Partnership Agreement with South Florida Water Management District
- South Florida Water Management District intends to undertake construction of a portion of the Central Everglades Planning Project prior to signing a Project Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Remove all of or a portion of a six-mile segment of the Old Tamiami Trail roadway

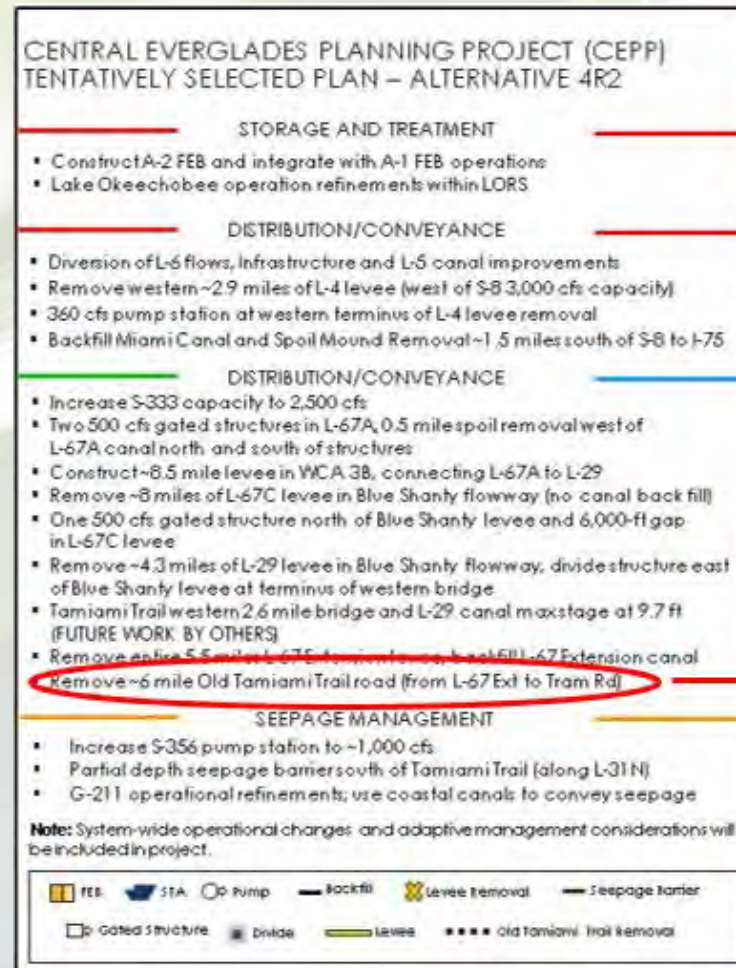
Old Tamiami Trail Removal Project Location Draft

- Includes approximately six miles of roadway removal between Everglades National Park (ENP) Shark Valley Visitor Center and the L-67 Extension Canal

➤ Project Benefits

- Net gain of wetland acreage
- Facilitates additional water deliveries from WCA-3A to ENP

- Road removal project supported by ENP, FFWCC, FDEP and USACE



Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement **Draft**

- Section 6004 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 authorizes the Secretary of the Army to provide credit for construction costs incurred prior to signing a Project Partnership Agreement
- In order for costs of early construction to be eligible for credit, execution of a Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement is required prior to initiating construction work
 - Creates no financial obligation on the South Florida Water Management District to undertake the construction of the features
 - Preserves eligibility for credit if features are constructed in advance of executing a Project Partnership Agreement
- Staff is requesting that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement for the purpose of establishing eligibility to receive future credit for the costs of implementing certain features of the Central Everglades Planning Project

Resolution No. 2016-0508

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A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Army, for the purpose of establishing eligibility to receive future credit for the costs of implementing certain features of the Central Everglades Planning Project, a project in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, providing an effective date. (Contract Number 4600003395)